



# St. Martin in the Fields

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Service of Lessons & Carols  
with  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
on the  
Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2023

11:00 a.m.



Welcome to St. Martin in the Fields Episcopal Church. We are so grateful that you are here for worship today. Please know that this church is Christ's church and you are always welcome here. Please feel at home. If you are new among us or simply visiting with us, please make yourself known to the clergy and other parishioners so that we may properly welcome you.

### **REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE** (resuming January 14, 2024)

**8:00 a.m.** | Holy Eucharist: no music

**9:00 a.m.** | Holy Eucharist: Wonder Church

*Wonder Church is a wonderfully alternative service geared toward children and their families.*

**10:00 a.m.** | Formation for all ages

**11:00 a.m.** | Holy Eucharist with choir and congregational singing

**5:00 p.m.** | Holy Eucharist *only on the third Sunday of this month*

### **FIRST SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

**10:00 a.m.** | Service of Holy Eucharist

*On the first Sunday of each month, St. Martin's has one Service of Holy Eucharist, with a meal to follow.*

### **CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**December 24 | Christmas Eve**

**10:00 a.m.** | Advent IV Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**3:00 p.m.** | Family Service with Pageant & Holy Eucharist

**5:30 p.m.** | Christmas Concert

**6:00 p.m.** | Christmas Eve Service with Holy Eucharist and incense

**December 25 | Christmas Day**

**10:00 a.m.** | Christmas Day Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**December 31 | First Sunday after Christmas**

**10:00 a.m.** | Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II

### **ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE TODAY**

Celebrant | The Rev. Monica Mainwaring

Deacon | The Rev. Victoria Jarvis

Subdeacon | The Rev. Colin Brown

Verger | Leigh Ford

Lectors | Tim Halloran, Tory Farrington, Adam Farrington, Kathy Evenson, Gay Jolley

Organist and Choirmaster | Will Gotmer

Handbell Choir Director | Maryann Lozano

The St. Martin's Adult Choir

The St. Martin's Handbell Choir

*Lessons and Carols is a service originating in England that traces the prophecies and fulfillment of the long-expected Jesus. The choir will present carols and we will join together in hymns of expectation and longing for the newborn King as we celebrate an abbreviated service of Advent Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist. The congregation remains seated for the readings and musical offerings and stands to join in singing the hymns.*

## Processional Hymn

*Lo! he comes, with clouds descending*

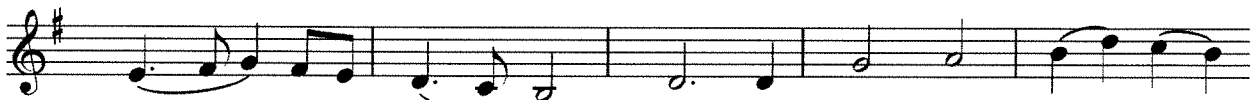
Hymnal 57



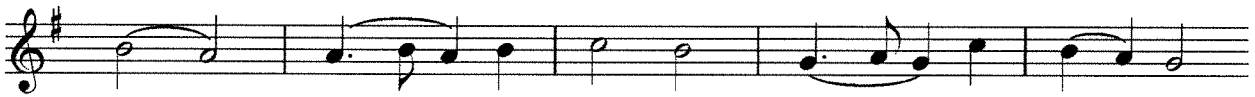
1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for  
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in  
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his  
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand  
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at  
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less  
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his  
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the  
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -  
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,  
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

### A Bidding Prayer

Beloved in Christ, in this season of Advent, let it be our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by his holy Child; and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church, for which he died, and especially in this country and within this city.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless; the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven. The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. *Amen.*

*The People sit.*

## The Lessons and Carols

### First Lesson

Genesis 3:1-15

A Reading from the book of Genesis

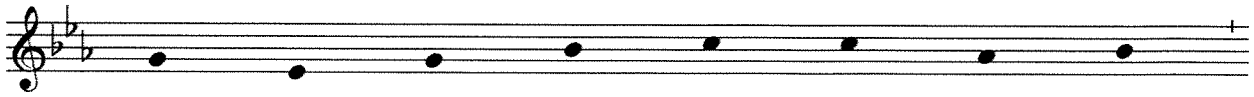
<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup>but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

<sup>8</sup>They heard the sound of the Lord GOD walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord GOD among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the Lord GOD called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>Then the Lord GOD said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." <sup>14</sup>The Lord GOD said to the serpent,

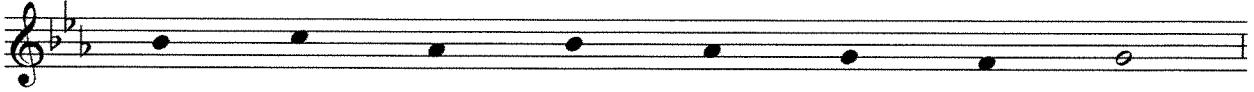
"Because you have done this,  
cursed are you among all animals  
and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel."

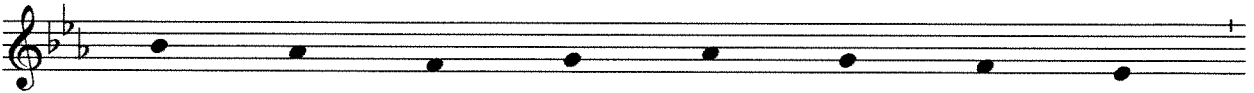
Here ends the lesson.



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,  
 2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse  
 3 When this old world drew on toward night,  
 4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now  
 5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,  
 \* 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,  
 2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,  
 3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,  
 4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow;  
 5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;  
 6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,



1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,  
 2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free  
 3 not as a mon - arch, but the child  
 4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,  
 5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low  
 6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



1 we pray you hear us when we call.  
 2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.  
 3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.  
 4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.  
 5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.  
 6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

## Second Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

<sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Here ends the lesson.

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
 And ransom captive Israel  
 That mourns in lonely exile here  
 Until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
 Shall come to you, O Israel.*

O come, Thou Day-Spring come  
 And cheer our spirits by Thine advent here,  
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
 And death's dark shadows put to flight.

*Refrain*

O come, Thou Key of David, come,  
 And open wide our heav'nly home;  
 Make safe the way that leads on high,  
 And close the path to misery

### Third Lesson

Baruch 4:36--5:9

A Reading from the book of Baruch.

<sup>36</sup>Look toward the east, O Jerusalem,  
 and see the joy that is coming to you from God.  
<sup>37</sup>Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away;  
 they are coming, gathered from east and west,  
 at the word of the Holy One,  
 rejoicing in the glory of God.  
<sup>1</sup>Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,  
 and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.  
<sup>2</sup>Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;  
 put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;  
<sup>3</sup>for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven.  
<sup>4</sup>For God will give you evermore the name,  
 "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory."  
<sup>5</sup>Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;  
 look toward the east,  
 and see your children gathered from west and east  
 at the word of the Holy One,  
 rejoicing that God has remembered them.  
<sup>6</sup>For they went out from you on foot,  
 led away by their enemies;  
 but God will bring them back to you,  
 carried in glory, as on a royal throne.  
<sup>7</sup>For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low  
 and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,  
 so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.  
<sup>8</sup>The woods and every fragrant tree  
 have shaded Israel at God's command.  
<sup>9</sup>For God will lead Israel with joy,  
 in the light of his glory,  
 with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Here ends the lesson.



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour-ish, that in course the flow'r may
3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum-ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
5. com - ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.



**Fourth Lesson**

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

<sup>14</sup>Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!  
<sup>15</sup>The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.  
The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.  
<sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.  
<sup>17</sup>The LORD, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing  
<sup>18</sup>as on a day of festival.  
I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

Here ends the lesson.

**Carol***Savior of the Nations, Come*

Georgiann H. Toole

*Savior of the nations, come;  
Virgin's Son, make Earth your home,  
Marvel now, O heaven and earth,  
That the Lord chose such a birth.  
From the Godhead forth you came  
And return unto the same,  
Captive leading death and hell  
High the song of triumph swell!*

*You, the chosen Holy One,  
Have o'er death the victory won.  
Boundless shall your kingdom be;  
When shall we its glories see?  
Brightly does your manger shine,  
Glorious is its light divine.  
Let not hate o'ercloud this light;  
Ever be our faith so bright.*

**Fifth Lesson**

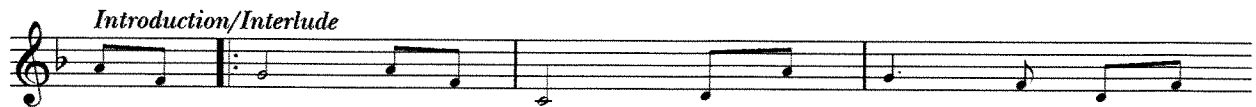
Luke 1:26-38

A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Here ends the lesson.

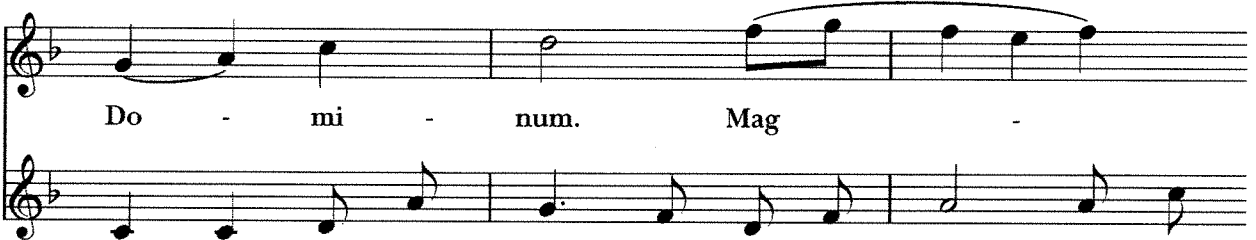




1 Ye who claim the faith of Je - sus, sing the  
 2 Bless - ed were the cho - sen peo - ple out of  
 3 There - fore let all faith - ful peo - ple sing the  
 4 "Mag - ni - fy, my soul, God's great - ness; in my



won - ders that were done when the love of God the  
 whom the Lord did come; bless - ed was the land of  
 hon - or of her name; let the Church, in her fore -  
 Sa - vior I re - joice; all the a - ges call me



Fa - ther o - ver sin the vic - tory won, when he  
 prom - ise fa - shioned for his earth - ly home; but more  
 shad - owed, part in her thanks - giv - ing claim; what Christ's  
 bless - ed, in his praise I lift my voice; he has



made the Vir - gin Ma - ry mo - ther of his on - ly Son.  
 bless - ed far the mo - ther, she who bore him in her womb.  
 mo - ther sang in glad - ness let Christ's peo - ple sing the same:  
 cast down all the might - y, and the low - ly are his choice."



# The Prayers

*All stand.*

## The Collects

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

*The People stand or kneel.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you**

**in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done,**

**and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy on us and forgive us;**

**that we may delight in your will,**

**and walk in your ways,**

**to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*           The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*               **And also with you.**

## Welcome and Announcements

**Offertory Voluntary**

***On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry***  
**The St. Martin's Handbell Choir**

**att. Cathy Moglebust**

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*Thank you for your generosity. Your food offerings in support of the food pantry can be placed in the baskets outside the doors of the church. You may place your monetary offering in the plates as they are passed, mail it to the church, give online at [www.stmartins.org/give](http://www.stmartins.org/give), or you may text to give by doing the following:*

1. Open a new text message. 2. Type 73256. 3. Use our code letters: SMECATL. 4. Put in the amount you would like to give.

O come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee,  
O Israel.

O come, thou Dayspring from on high,  
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadow put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee,  
O Israel.

## The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B

*The people stand.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

*Holy, holy, holy*

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are  
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
 in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na  
 in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

**Invitation**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Please remain in your pew until the usher prompts you to go forward to receive communion or a blessing. Gluten-free communion wafers are available. Please let the priest know if you desire gluten-free. If you wish to receive Communion in one kind (bread only), please proceed to the rail and extend one hand to receive the host only. If you wish to receive a host that has been dipped into the chalice of wine, please proceed to the rail and extend both hands, and it will be placed into your hand.*

1. I - sa - iah the pro - phet has writ - ten of old how  
2. Yet na - tions still prey on the meek of the world. And

God's earth - ly king - dom shall come. In - stead of the thorn tree the  
con - flict turns par - ent from child. Your peo - ple de - spoil all the

fir tree shall grow; the wolf shall lie down with the lamb. The  
sweet - ness of earth; the brier and the thorn grow wild. Lord,

moun - tains and hills shall break forth in - to song, the  
has - ten to bring in your king - dom on earth, when

peo - ples be led forth in peace. For the earth shall be filled with the  
no one shall hurt or de - stroy. When wis - dom and jus - tice shall

knowl - edge of God as the wa - ters co - ver the seas.  
reign in the land and your peo - ple shall go forth in joy.

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:  
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,  
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

*On Sundays when Eucharistic Visitors are making visits, they will be commissioned as follows:*

#### **Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors**

*Celebrant* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People* We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

#### **The Post-Communion Prayer**

*Standing or kneeling.*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
 you have graciously accepted us as living members  
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
 and you have fed us with spiritual food  
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
 Send us now into the world in peace,  
 and grant us strength and courage  
 to love and serve you  
 with gladness and singleness of heart;  
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*All stand for the blessing.*

#### **The Blessing**



Verses



1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
 2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you  
 3. From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a  
 4. Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



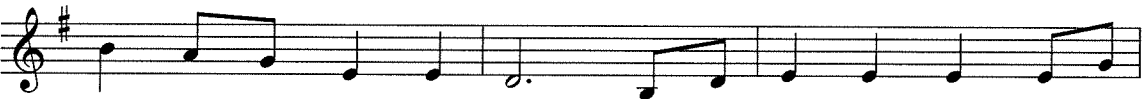
God of my heart is great, And my spir - it sings of the  
 work great things in me, And your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his throne.  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the  
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, So from east to west shall my  
 those who would for you yearn, You will show your might, put the  
 food they can nev - er earn; There are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
 prom - ise which holds us bound, 'Til the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the

fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the

fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the  
dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!

Text: Luke 1:46-58; Rory Cooney, b.1952  
Tune: STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN; Irish traditional; arr. by Rory Cooney, b.1952  
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**Dismissal**

*Deacon*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

**Voluntary**

*Fugue in C Major BWV 531*

J.S. Bach



*to Sunday services listed in the front of the bulletin, you are invited to:*

**Youth Christmas Party  
December 17, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

Join Oasis and Crossroads youth, and leaders, for a Christmas Party at the Dennard residence! It will be filled with cider and hot chocolate, a white elephant exchange, cookie decorating, and lots of Christmas cheer! Please reach out to Molly Herman-Gallow at [mhermangallow@stmartins.org](mailto:mhermangallow@stmartins.org) if you are interested in attending.

**Christmas Flower Donations**

Remember a loved one with a donation to the Flower Guild's spectacular array of flowers, which will adorn the interior and exterior of St Martin's for Christmas. Make a dedication online or contact the front office for your dedication. Gifts made by today, December 17, will be recognized in the Christmas bulletin.

**Longest Night Service of Holy Eucharist  
December 20, 6:00 p.m.**

The Longest Night service, sponsored by St. Martin's Stephen Ministry, is a service of comfort and hope for those for whom this Christmas season may not be the happiest time of the year. Come, be still, and rest in the knowledge that you are surrounded by God's love in every season of life.

**Stewardship - Pledge for 2024 - "Close the Gap" for 2023**

Please send your 2024 pledge card into the church, complete your pledge online, or email our Business Administrator Leslie Rose at [lrose@stmartins.org](mailto:lrose@stmartins.org). Thank you also for your 2023 pledges and gifts - you will have received your statements in the mail this week. As we work to "close the gap" between revenue and expenses in 2023, there is a special dropdown in our online giving menu entitled "close the gap." We look forward to seeing the year end well.

**Christmas Gifts - Gift an Experience with St. Martin's**

If you are struggling with what to get your family member for Christmas, consider an experience with St. Martin's: the Women's Retreat (February 10), Kanuga Parish Life Retreat (Mother's Day Weekend, May 10 - 12), Intergenerational Mission Trip with Appalachia Service Project (June 23 - 29), Vacation Bible School Week (June 10 - 14). Registration is now open for each of these events on Realm. If you are not wanting or able to attend but would like to support these efforts financially, your gifts are welcome. Please make a note designating your gift.

**Office Closure**

The Church offices will be closed December 26 - January 1. If you have pastoral needs, reach out to Mtr. Monica at [mmainwaring@stmartins.org](mailto:mmainwaring@stmartins.org) and if you have any questions related to year-end giving, reach out to Business Administrator Leslie Rose at [lrose@stmartins.org](mailto:lrose@stmartins.org).

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

*Sunday*

8:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:00 a.m., Wonder Church

11:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite II



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